

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 637

By Sanderson

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize the achievement of the Union City High School Football Team upon winning the Class 1A State Championship.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly pause in its deliberations to congratulate the outstanding achievements of the youth of our State; and

WHEREAS, the Union City High School Football Team completed its 2013 season with a record of 13-1; and,

WHEREAS, in doing so, the Union City High School Football Team won the Class 1A State Football Championship in Tennessee; and,

WHEREAS, the Golden Tornadoes won 13 straight games and beat Bruceton, Humboldt and Nashville Christian School in the playoffs and South Pittsburg in the Blue Cross Bowl at Cookeville; and,

WHEREAS, Head Coach Darren Bowling was named the Tennessee Titans Coach of the Year and the Tennessee Sports Writers Association Coach of the Year; and,

WHEREAS, Fullback Ricky Henry, lineman Tristan Jernigan, defensive back Javonte Moffatt, and placekicker Cace Cook were named All-State by the Tennessee Sports Writers Association; and,

WHEREAS, this State Championship was the second football title earned by the Golden Tornadoes in the past five seasons at Union City High School; and,

WHEREAS, the State Championship team consists of young men of talent, sportsmanship, and dedication to their sport and includes Garrett Walton, Lazzarus Scribner, Taj Reid, Cooper Hurt, JaVonte' Moffatt, Jaylon Crumble, Kalab Dowell, Alex Reid, Samuel Arnold, Jamarius Gaston, D'Carrious Stephens, Cace Cook, Santiago Ruiz, Iroa Smith, Joseph

Leonardi, Marlon Dowell, Jamison Blackwell, Jeremy Bumpus, Ricky Henry, Hunter Edwards, Tristan Jernigan, Tucker Kennedy, Matthew Gansereit, Kane Taylor, DJ Kendall, Jason Stone, Thomas Barnes, Mason Parker, Zach Parker, Kimani Cawthon, Austin Kessel, Austin Allman, Bradley Dillon, Justice Walker, Jamie Pirtle, Michael Holland, Cameron Avery, and Cortez Bell; and

WHEREAS, the players were led by a dedicated and inspirational coaching staff, including Head Coach Darren Bowling and Assistant Coaches Wade Maddox, Mack Moore, John Graham, and Justin Durbruie; and

WHEREAS, the players and coaches were supported in their sensational efforts by the manager, Louis Camacho, the water girls, Emily Searcy, Erika Willett, and Kaleighn White, and the videographers, Travis Vanhooser, LaMarcus Allen, and John Parr; and

WHEREAS, the team was bolstered through every game by the efforts of the cheerleaders, Decora Alexander, Abby Bruff, Caroline Chism, Olivia James, Caroline Jones, Halle Kennedy, Garrow Miles, Mary Ali Oliver, Kursten Osborne, Kelsey Parker, Morgan Rodgers, Elizabeth Shanks, Mallorei Speed, Kate Terrell, Ivey Westbrooks, and Jasmine Youngblood; and

WHEREAS, all were encouraged in their endeavors by the Principal and Athletic Director, Wes Kennedy, the Assistant Principal, Jacob Cross, the Director of Schools, Gary Houston, and the Cheerleader Sponsors, Kim Sherwood and Teka Kennedy; and

WHEREAS, through the combined force of the players, coaches, and supporters, the Union City High School Golden Tornadoes succeeded in the highest degree in their sport; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we congratulate and commend the Union City High School football team, head coach, Darren Bowling, assistant coaches, and other high school officials for their outstanding season and Class 1A State Championship win.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.